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Shelley Carroll, City Councillor
Chair, Toronto Atmospheric Fund
75 Elizabeth Street
Toronto, ON
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Dear Ms. Carroll,

On behalf of Environmental Defence, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF). As a TAF grantee, we have consistently been impressed by TAF's results-driven approach to creating innovative, effective and successful programs in our city.

From sustainable energy to smarter commutes to greener home construction and retrofits, TAF has consistently and reliably supported projects that make sense for people, businesses and the environment. Throughout TAF's 20-year history, it has repeatedly made sound investments in projects that are making our city more vibrant - a prime example being providing seed funding for Autosshare, now a household-name success story. It's no wonder TAF helps our city save \$2.7 million annually in cumulative energy and maintenance costs by finding, and funding, energy-saving measures.

Once again, Environmental Defence is pleased to offer TAF our support, and we extend our very best wishes for its continued success. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this letter of support further, please feel free to contact me at (416) 323-9521 ext. 225 or rsmith@environmentaldefence.ca.

Sincerely,

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